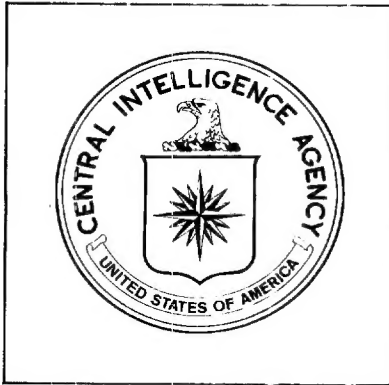


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Tanzania

Cabinet Shifts

President Julius Nyerere has reshuffled his cabinet and added some new blood in the aftermath of the recent general elections. The most notable change is the shift of the regime's most articulate ideologue, John Malecela, from foreign minister to minister of agriculture. The US embassy in Dar es Salaam sees Nyerere's total control of policy as unchanged.

Malecela's transfer to agriculture reflects in part Nyerere's determination to pursue his major goal of completing the transformation of the rural population from scattered subsistence peasants to collectivized villagers. Early last year Nyerere made a commitment to resettle Tanzania's entire rural population of 14 million into Ujamaa villages by the end of 1976. In the fall of 1974 concern over food production and administrative difficulties caused the government to delay the mass movement of people into villages. Now that this year's harvest is in, the government is likely to begin moving people again, although Nyerere has recently announced that the earlier goal of having villagers farm communally would be in abeyance. With Malecela, a socialist stalwart, in charge, it probably will not be long before the villagers are again pressured to farm at least some of their lands collectively. That could result in reduced food production and even scattered resistance.

Ibrahim Kaduma, the new foreign minister, shares Malecela's militant third world outlook, and the embassy sees in his appointment no substantive shift in foreign policy direction. Kaduma may be easier to get along with personally than Malecela, however. He is well respected by USAID personnel who have had dealings with him. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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